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**SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE;
AND SUPPLEMENT TO INTERVIEW RECORD**

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Mr. Lindsey:

This paper is filed following a response conducted between the examiner and applicant's attorney, Bruce A. Kaser, on October 14, 2004. The following is a listing of the claims in the application and shows the amendments agreed to during the course of the interview:

1. (twice amended) A stabilizer system for a full-face motorcycle helmet, comprising:

a separate snap fitting for being positioned at three locations on the helmet, one forwardly near the chin region, and a second and third on opposite sides near the jaw region of the helmet;

a chin stabilizer made of a [nonrigid] flexible material, the chin stabilizer material having a generally triangular configuration that is stretched underneath the chin and jaw region of the helmet when the helmet is on a wearer's head, with a vertex that is connectable to and overlaps the snap fitting near the chin region of the helmet and lateral portions that

are connectable, one each, to and overlapping the second and third snap fittings on opposite sides of the helmet, and further, the chin stabilizer having a central portion that rests underneath a wearer's chin and jaw when the stabilizer is connected to the helmet, the central portion substantially covering the region below the wearer's chin and jaw from the wearer's chin to throat, and thereby substantially covering the open area of a full-face helmet that normally exists between the wearer's throat and the lower forward edge of the helmet, for impeding upward movement of the front of the helmet over the face of the wearer.

2. (twice amended) The stabilizer system of claim 1, wherein the chin stabilizer has a curved portion adjacent to [and in snug contact with] the wearer's throat that is curved for following the shape of the wearer's neck.

3. (unchanged) The stabilizer system of claim 1, wherein the chin stabilizer comprises an outer layer of material, an inner layer of material, and a layer of padding sandwiched between the outer and inner layers.

4. (unchanged) The stabilizer system of claim 1, wherein the chin stabilizer comprises neoprene rubber.

REMARKS

Claims 1-4 are pending in the application. Claims 1 and 2 have been amended a second time, as indicated above, as a result of the October 14, 2004, interview.

During the course of the interview, applicant's attorney, Bruce A. Kaser, demonstrated the invention attached to the bottom of a "motocross" motorcycle helmet. Applicant's attorney also provided the examiner with one or more photographs illustrating how these types of helmets are used for off-road motorcycle racing, in connection with a discussion about how helmet-shift